

## 2022 Mock Newbery Discussion #1

July 16, 2021

It's time to start taking a closer look at the children's books of 2021. Participating in the Mock Newbery is an opportunity to read the newest children's books and to discuss them with other passionate readers. A letter certifying participation is available for those applying the Mock Newbery program towards professional development.

Program registration: <https://tinyurl.com/newbery22>

Please read at least 10 books for the first meeting. Books that have not been read by half the number of participants at the meeting will not be discussed and will be removed from subsequent lists.

### Mock Newbery Discussion #1

Thursday, September 30, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Discussion, [register for login link](#)

### 2022 Mock Newbery Reading List #1

1. *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B Alston
2. *Amber and Clay* by Laura Amy Schlitz
3. *Ancestor Approved* by Cynthia Leitich Smith
4. *Cece Rios and the Devil of Souls* by Kaela Rivera
5. *Clues to the Universe* by Christina Li
6. *Dead Wednesday* by Jerry Spinelli
7. *Down to Earth* by Betty Culley
8. *The Elephant in the Room* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
9. *The In-Between* by Rebecca Ansari
10. *Just Like That* by Gary D. Schmidt
11. *The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer Holm
12. *Maybe Marisol Rainey* by Erin Entrada Kelly
13. *Middletown* by Sarah Moon
14. *A Place to Hang the Moon* by Kate Albus
15. *The Raconteur's Commonplace Book: A Greenglass House Story* by Kate Milford
16. *Red White and Whole* by Rajani LaRocca
17. *Rescue* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
18. *Root Magic* by Eden Royce
19. *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps
20. *Strong Like the Sea* by Wendy S. Swore
21. *Too Bright to See* by Kyle Lukoff
22. *Ways to Grow Love* by Renee Watson
23. *The Year I Flew Away* by Marie Arnold

Please send suggested titles for Reading List #2 by October 1<sup>st</sup> to: [danielle.margarida@olis.ri.gov](mailto:danielle.margarida@olis.ri.gov)  
Reading List #2 will be available October 5<sup>th</sup> at <http://www.olis.ri.gov/youth/newbery/index.php>

Voting for a Rhode Island winner and honor books will take place on January 13, 2022 using the balloting procedures of the real committee.

### Continuing sessions:

#### Mock Newbery Discussion #2

Thursday, December 9, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Discussion, [register for login link](#)

#### Mock Newbery Discussion #3 - Voting

Thursday, January 13, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Discussion, [register for login link](#)

The Newbery Medal is awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in the United States during the preceding year. The Award is restricted to authors who are citizens or residents of the United States.

Criteria:

1. In identifying "Distinguished Writing" in a book for children,

a. Committee members need to consider the following:

- Interpretation of the theme or concept
- Presentation of information including accuracy, clarity, and organization
- Development of a plot
- Delineation of characters
- Delineation of setting
- Appropriateness of style

Note: Because the literary qualities to be considered will vary depending on content, the committee need not expect to find excellence in each of the named elements. The book should, however, have distinguished qualities in all of the elements pertinent to it.

b. Committee members must consider excellence of presentation for a child audience.

2. Each book is to be considered as a contribution to American literature. The committee is to make its decision primarily on the text. Other components of a book, such as illustrations, overall design of the book, etc., may be considered when they make the book less effective.

3. The book must be a self-contained entity, not dependent on other media (i.e., sound or film equipment) for its enjoyment.

Note: The committee should keep in mind that the award is for literary quality and quality presentation for children. The award is not for didactic content or popularity.

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